

Page 5, line 14, change "5D" to --5B--;

line 29, change "54" to --59--.

Page 7, lines 26, 34, 36 and 37, change "18" to --26-- each occurrence.

Page 9, line 29, delete "head support surface 24" and substitute --surface region 26--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-30 and add claims 31-40 as follows.

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1 31. (New) A data system comprising:
2 a data storage card having a data storage medium;
3 a housing comprising a panel;
4 an opening formed in the panel sized for passage of the card therethrough;
5 a card support movable between a load/unload position and a read/write
position;
6 card handler means for moving the card between the opening and the card
support;
7 a data head; and
8 means for moving at least one of the data head and the card support carrying the
9 card relative to one another, whereby the data head can read data from and/or write data to the
10 storage medium when the card support is at the read/write position.

1 32. (New) The data system according to claim 31 wherein the moving
2 means causes the data head to move along parallel tracks along the storage medium.

1 33. (New) The data system according to claim 31 wherein the parallel
2 tracks are constant-radius curved tracks.

1 34. (New) A data unit, for use with a substrate having first and second
2 edges and a data surface region therebetween, comprising:
3 a base;
4 a substrate support, configured to support a substrate, mounted to the base;
5 a data head drive mounted to the base, the data head drive comprising a data
6 head reciprocally movable along a second path;

7 a step driver controllably moving the data head drive and the substrate support
8 relative to one another along a first path;

9 first and second data head support surfaces positioned at opposite ends of a
10 second path and adjacent to said substrate support, said first and second paths being transverse
11 to one another; and

12 said data head comprising a data head surface which contacts said first and
13 second data head support surfaces as said data head moves along the opposite ends of said
14 second path.

1 35. (New) A method for reading and/or writing data from/to a plurality of
2 parallel data tracks on a substrate, comprising:

3 positioning a data head at a first position on the substrate;

4 moving the data head along a first data track on the substrate to permit reading
5 and/or writing of data from/to the first data track;

6 repositioning the data head to a second position on the substrate spaced-apart
7 from the first data track;

8 moving the data head along a second data track on the substrate to permit
9 reading and/or writing of data from/to the second data track; and

10 causing said moving steps to be carried out so that said first and second data
11 tracks are parallel data tracks.

1 36. (New) The method according to claim 35 wherein the moving steps are
2 carried out in a manner that the first and second data tracks are curved, constant-radius data
3 tracks.

1 37. (New) The method according to claim 35 wherein the repositioning step
2 is carried out by moving the data head in a direction generally perpendicular to the first data
3 tracks.

1 38. (New) The method according to claim 36 wherein the moving steps are
2 carried out in a manner that the first and second data tracks are straight date tracks.

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